



The Utah Taxidermist Association (UTA) would like to get you and your state involved in a “Best of the West” challenge. We, The Utah Taxidermist Association challenge your state to a 5pc Best of challenge. So, at this time, Utah is calling you out! We have the best the west has to offer and want to prove it through a friendly competition. We will have a \$4,000.00 purse that will be divided, \$2,000.00 goes to the team to split anyway they like and the other \$2,000.00 goes to your states association general fund if you win the challenge. We will also be purchasing a ridiculously large trophy that will go to the state that wins to show off, and each year, the state that wins gets the trophy and bragging rights for an entire year for being the “Best of the West”.

**Below are the rules of this challenge.**

Entry Fee \$250.00 per team

**State Challenge!**

**COMPETITION RULES**

- 1.** Any state may have as many teams of 3 to 5 artists, and multiple artists on many teams. All team members must be a member in good standing of their state association, not all team members have to be present
- 2.** Entries shall be from the following categories: Birds, Fish or amphibian, Life Size Mammal, Any Game Head and Mule Deer. No freeze dry entries other than the following, reproduction fish heads and fins, bird bills, beaks and feet, mammal noses and turkey heads including freeze dry turkey heads are allowed.
- 3.** A minimum of 5 entries per team (as many teams from your state as you want) from the 5 separate categories is required. Each entry may be the work of an individual team member or the team as a whole. However, all the teams’ entries cannot be solely done by only one team member. All team members must enter a piece or work on a piece together.
- 4.** UTA competition rules other than the stated Challenge of the States rules where applicable will also apply.
- 5.** The team with the highest scoring entries will be determined from the competition score sheets. Each challenge entry will be judged twice by two separate judges, using the combined for the total
- 6.** Winning State team receives the UTA “Best of the West” trophy, a cash prize of \$4,000.00 which the team gets half and their state association gets half. Most importantly...the winning team gets the “Bragging Rights” for the next year!